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M I N U T E S

January 12, 2004

Voting Members Present

Cathy Murahashi
Kari Tanta
Sandy Duncan
Marlyn Minkin
Becky Thibodeaux
Aileen Hammar
Jane Campbell
Cheryl Buttermeier

Representing

Representative of Parents
Medical Community
Childfind/Lead FRC
Special Populations
Public Health Department
Medical Community
Region 4 DDD
Developmental Center

Employer

King County Parent Coalition
Valley Medical Center
Children's Health Access Program
PIP/Hearing, Speech and Deafness
Seattle King County Public Health
Children's Hospital Medical Center
DSHS, DDD
Boyer Children's Clinic

Community Members

Bea Kelleigh
Ann Curry
Donna Borgford-Parnell
Nancy Barracough
Walt Bowen

SOAR, and Project Lift Off
PIP/Hearing, Speech and Deafness
Seattle King County Public Health
Children's Country Home
ITEIP

Staff Present

Jan Wrathall
Michaelle Monday

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Introductions

Sandy Duncan, Interim Chair, began the meeting with self-introductions.

Approval of Minutes

01120401 Sandy Duncan asked for the approval of the November 2003 Minutes. Marilyn Minkin moved, Kari Tanta seconded, and the November Minutes were approved as written.

Community Announcements & ICC Member Reports

Sandy Duncan thanked Becky Thibodeaux for her years of service on the KCI CC and presented her with a certificate of appreciation. Sandy welcomed Donna Borgford-Parnell as the new Public Health representative. Sandy also distributed information and made the following announcements:

- ◆ Distributed the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (WCPCAN) resource update that contained information on training, resources, what's new at WCPCAN and announcements. Archived versions are available at www.wcpcan.wa.gov from the "What's New" menu bar. To subscribe, unsubscribe, or submit items and feedback contact Maria Gehl at WCPCAN at gehlmj@dshs.wa.gov or by phone at 206-389-3297.
- ◆ Distributed a DSHS News Release, dated December 5, 2003, announcing the new online prevention awareness resources link at www.dshs.wa.gov entitled, "Be Safe, Keep Them Safe." For more information contact Chris Trujillo, DSHS Children's Administration at 360-902-0221;
- ◆ Helpful resource for military families with children with special needs and for the service providers regarding TriCare and Part C coverage information located on the FI CC web site at <http://www.fed-icc.org/about/policy.html>;
- ◆ Check out STOMP, Specialized Training of Military Parents Working Together for Families of Individuals with Disabilities, at <http://www.stompproject.org/default.asp>. STOMP is a federally funded Parent Training and Information Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs;
- ◆ January 31 is the "From Crib to Classroom: Transitions Large and Small (FACES North)" conference with the following workshops: parenting skills, brain development, nurturing the whole child, and preparing children for transition;

- ◆ American Sign Language (ASL) Community Classes for almost all ages available at Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center located 1625 – 19th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122. Registration is available by mail, email to Karen Chriest at education@hsdc.org, or by phoning Judy Durfee at 206-323-5770;
- ◆ FRC year 2 training with Greg Abell via video conference on January 28, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Pre-conference Day at the Infant Toddler Early Childhood Conference is April 28, 2004, from 8:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue;
- ◆ Seattle Public Schools has scheduled a training on bullying on Thursday, January 29;

Kari Tanta announced that they have moved into their new building located at 3600 Lynd Ave. (North of Ikea).

Marlyn Minkin announced that Hearing, Speech and Deafness is sponsoring a Portland group on the positive effects of sign language on March 6 at Hearing Speech, and Deafness Center.

Aileen Hammar announced the preview celebration of the Janet Sinegal Patient Care Building at Children's Hospital. The event is Thursday, January 15. Guided tours are scheduled from 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. with the program at 10:00 a.m. A community celebration is also scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2004, with Mayor Nickels at 10:45 a.m., self-guided tours from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Guest Presentation – King County Action Agenda

Bea Kelleigh introduced herself and provided an overview of Project Lift-Off (<http://www.cityofseattle.net/humanservices/fys/projectliftoff>) and the following documents were distributed:

- ◆ “Getting School Ready,” a guide for parents and family members of children birth to age five, caregivers, early childhood educators, kindergarten teachers, communities, schools, and everyone who touches a child's life. Contact Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition for more information and referral to health services at 800-322-2588;
- ◆ “Working Together To Get Results,” dated September 2002 – September 2003, shares Project Lift-Off's goals of building a network of high-quality, affordable early education community leaders, grant makers, organizations,

schools, governments, parents and faith-based groups who have all joined in their efforts.

- ◆ An Early Childhood and School Readiness Action Agenda was presented that expressed SOAR's vision that all children in King County will enter school prepared to reach their full social, emotional, physical, and academic potential. Schools will welcome children and their families and support the learning success of all entering students. The agenda provides a plan and the next steps to improve school readiness over the next five years. Some hoped for outcomes of the action agenda are to:

- Focus efforts and funds on effective action;
- Work to coordinate services and fill gaps;
- Combine countywide coverage with subregional focus;
- Measure progress, and
- Provide ways for everyone concerned with children and families to participate.

There are four goals the Action Agenda has adopted, including:

- Nurturing—Children have strong bonds and nurturing relationships with their parents/guardians and other significant adults in their lives.
- Prevention/Early Intervention—Children and families most in need of services to help their development get high-quality, affordable and culturally competent services early.
- Early Care and Education—Children and families have access to high-quality, affordable and culturally competent care and early education.
- Successful Transitions—Children are prepared, from infancy, for a successful transition into school by the adults in their lives, working in concert with their communities and schools.

Each sub-regional Family and Child Early Support (FACES) groups, including Seattle, North King County, South King County and East King County identified within the context of the four action agenda goals what the regional priorities are they will be focusing on over the next period of time.

Bea asked the KCI CC Committee to consider taking a leadership role in implementing the Prevention and Early Intervention action agenda goal and assume collaborative efforts with the SOAR Governing Council to ensure early childhood intervention and school preparation includes children with developmental disabilities.

01120402 Motion was made and seconded for the KCI CC to notify SOAR of its interest in taking the leadership role around Prevention/Early Intervention and as a participant in outreach to special needs kids and collaboration with multiple region-wide agencies.

Lead Agency Report

Jan discussed the following issues:

- ◆ The Public School Participation In Early Intervention Services document from the November 2003 Legislative Night packet;
- ◆ Birth To Three Early Intervention Fact sheet designed by Wee Care Coalition (weecare@olywa.net);
- ◆ The Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program Data Count Reports with the run date of December 11, 2003, and January 9, 2004;
- ◆ Announced the Real Choices. . . Real Lives Conference 2004 on March 26 & 27 at the Sea-Tac Marriott.

(If you are interested in any of these issues and would like additional information, please contact Jan at 206-296-2912).

New Business

Cheryl Buttermeier and Jan Wrathall are both members of the State ICC Data Committee. The next Data Committee meeting is January 22, 2004, and a recommendation will be made to not implement the electronic version of the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) until the data system can be evaluated to ensure confidence in its accuracy and usefulness.

Jan is a member of the State ICC Funding Committee and they are in continued discussions regarding a policy on financial hardship. Parent participation towards services remains focused on providing insurance for coverage of services and paying their co-pays, premiums, and co-insurance.

Jan also announced that all child development contracts have been mailed out to providers.

The next KCI CC Meeting is March 8, 2004 at WorkSource-Renton from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room "F."

The meeting was adjourned